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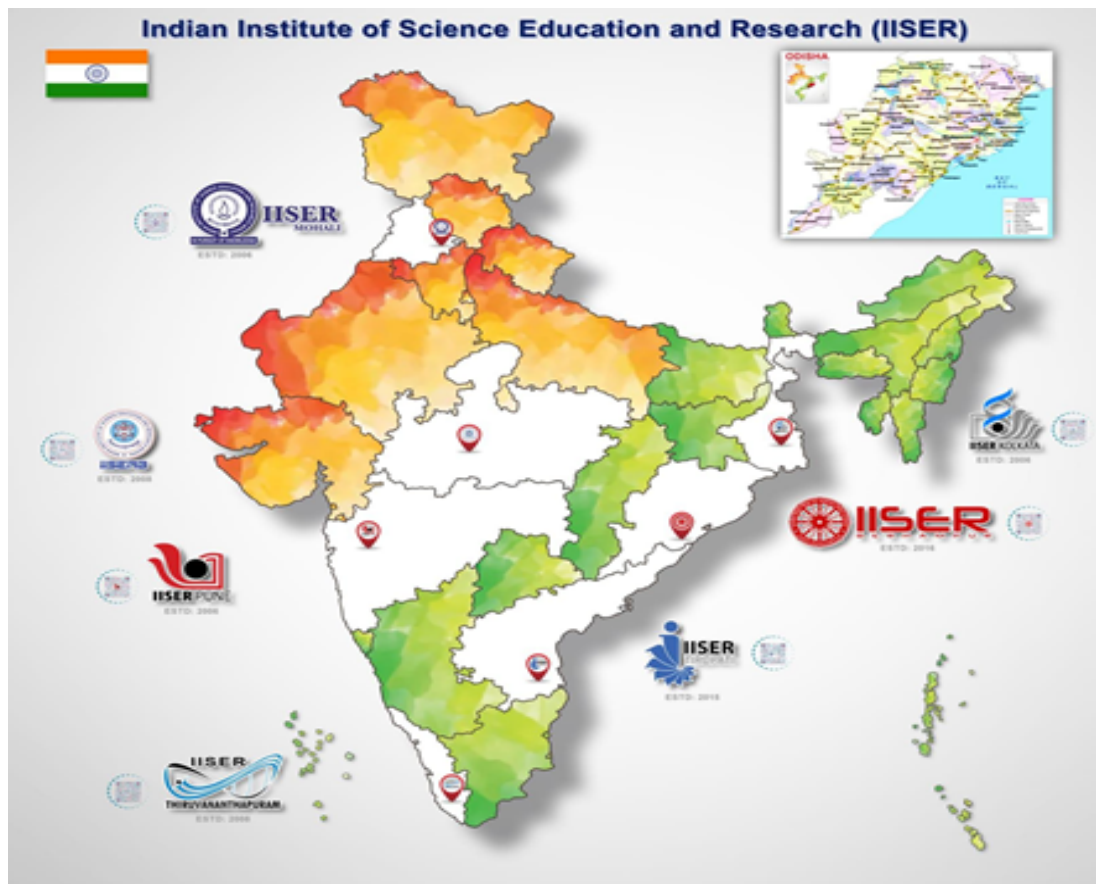
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Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Berhampur

CONVOCATION PROGRAMME

**Sixth Convocation
27th July 2026**

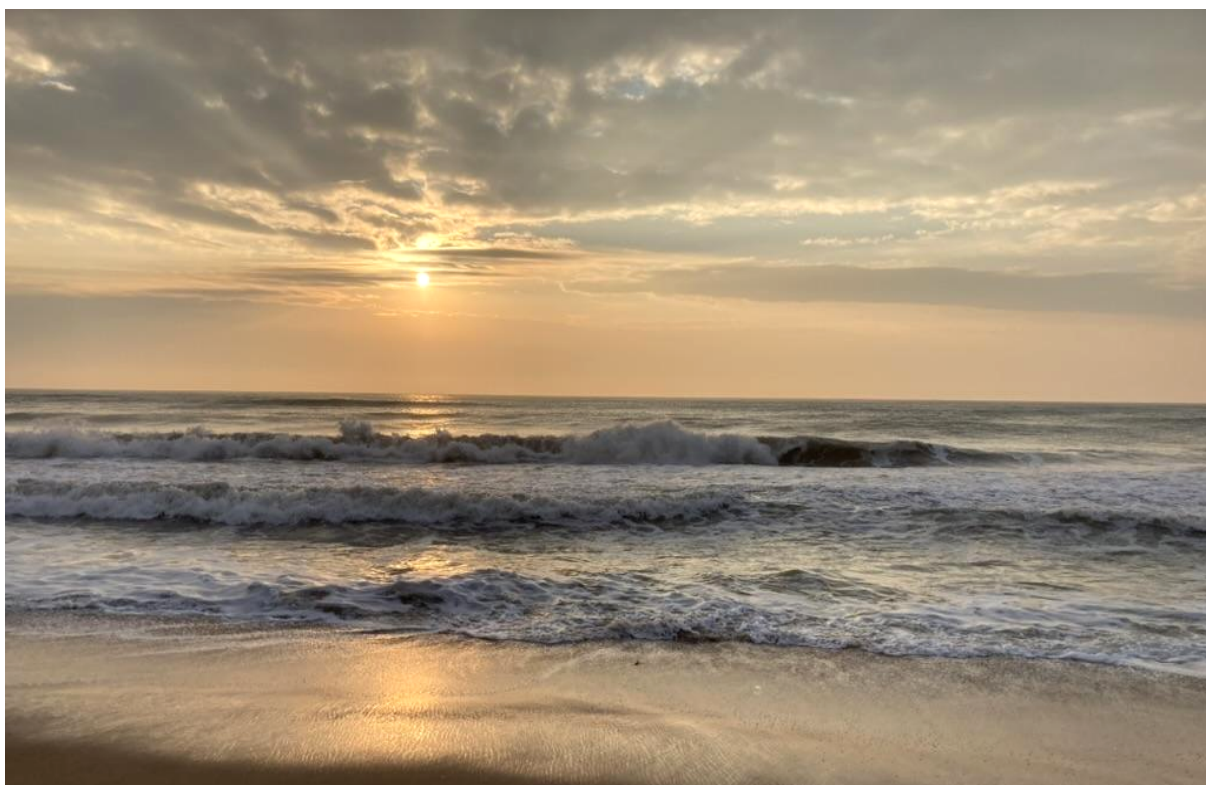
Arrival of the Dignitaries at Convocation Venue	10:30 AM
Academic Procession Arrives	10:32 AM
National Anthem	10:35 AM
Invocation, Chairperson, BoG declares the opening of the Sixth Convocation	10:36 AM
Introduction of the Chief Guest	10:44 AM
Convocation Address by the Chief Guest	10:50 AM
Welcome Address and Institute report by the Director	11:15 AM
Address by the Chairperson, BoG	11:35 AM
Award of Medals and Degree certificates	11:45 AM
Introduction of the Guest of Honour	12:45 PM
Address by the Guest of Honour	12:48 PM
Chairperson, BoG declares the closing of the Convocation	12:58 PM
National Anthem	12:59 PM
Academic Procession departs	01:00 PM



Indian Institute of Science Education and Research Berhampur

Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Berhampur is one of the seven IISERs created to be a centre for scientific excellence in India. Established in 2016, the institute was later declared as the Institute of National importance under NITSER Act, 2007.

Since its inception five batches of students - a total of 498 have graduated with BS-MS degree from IISER Berhampur across various disciplines like Biological, Chemical, Mathematical and Physical Sciences. This year, 191 students from the batch of 2021 are graduating with BS-MS Dual degree. This year, three students are graduating with Bachelor of Science (BS) degrees, while four students from the Integrated PhD programme are graduating with Master of Science (MS) degrees, including one MS degree and three MS (Research) degrees. Thirteen research scholars will receive their doctoral degrees in Science, bringing the total number of doctoral graduates since the institute's inception to 42.



Where rising sun meets the shores of IISER

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**Some notable events in the academic year 2025-26
DCS Annual Meet 2025 - November 8-9, 2025**



First CNR Rao Research Conference - February 19-21, 2026



Research Scholar Day 2025 Department of Chemical Sciences - November 1, 2025



Frontiers in Earth and Climate Science Research 2026 (FECSR26)- March 2026



Celebrating 10th year of Inception



SENATE

Chairperson

1. Prof. Ashok Kumar Ganguli,
Director, IISER Berhampur

External Members

1. Prof. R Swathi,
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Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IISER Kolkata
3. Prof. Preeti Ranjan Panda,
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1. Prof. Joydip Mukhopadhyay
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Dean of Academic Affairs
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Dean of Infrastructure
5. Dr. Rakesh Pathak, Associate Professor, Dean International
Affairs and Outreach
6. Dr. Kasi Viswanadham G, Associate Professor, HoD,
Mathematical Sciences
7. Dr. Thirupathi K Barla, Associate Professor, HoD, Department of
Chemical Sciences
8. Dr. Ritabrata Sengupta, Associate Professor, HoD, Department
of Computer Sciences

9.	Dr. Jose Sebastian, Associate Professor, HoD, Department of Biological Sciences
Faculty members nominated by the Director	
1.	Dr. R Selvi Bharathavikru, Associate Professor, Biological Sciences
2.	Dr. Somrita Ray, Assistant Professor, Chemical Sciences
3.	Dr. S Rajesh, Associate Professor, Earth & Environmental Sciences
4	Dr. Amiya Mondal, Associate Professor, Mathematical Sciences
5	Dr. Ujjal Kumar Dey, Associate Professor, Physical Sciences
Warden nominated by the Director	
1.	Dr. Chinmaya Kumar Dehury, Assistant Professor, Computer Science & Boys' Hostel Warden
Student representatives	
1.	Shri Sayan Sen, Senate Representative - UG
2.	Shri Pranjal Barik, Senate Representative - PG
Non-member secretary	
1.	Shri Pradeep Kumar Ray, Registrar, IISER Berhampur

The Chief Guest



Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, FRS

Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India

Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood is the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India (PSA to Gol) from April 2022. He is also the Chairperson of the Prime Minister's Science, Technology & Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC).

Prof. Sood is also a National Science Chair Professor at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bangalore. He was a member of the Prime Minister's Science, Technology, and Innovation Advisory Council (PM-STIAC) from 2018 to March 2022 and from 2009 to 2014. He had also served as a Member of the Scientific Advisory Council (SAC) to the Prime Minister of India.

Prof. Sood has a Doctorate in Physics from IISc Bangalore. His research interests include the Physics of Quantum materials, soft and active matter. He has published more than 450 papers in peer-reviewed journals and holds several patents.

His work has been recognized with numerous awards, including the Padma Shri, India's fourth-highest civilian honour. He served as President of the Indian National Science Academy (2017–2019), President of the Indian Academy of Sciences (2010–2012), and Secretary-General of The World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), Trieste, Italy (2013–2018). He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society (FRS), UK, in 2015.

He has also received the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize, the G. D. Birla Award for Scientific Research, the TWAS Prize in Physics, the Millennium Gold Medal of the Indian Science Congress Association, the Sir C. V. Raman Award of the UGC, the Homi Bhabha Medal of the Indian National Science Academy, G. M. Modi Award for Science and Technology, 25th SIES Sri. Chandrasekarendra Saraswathi National Eminence Award in the category of Science & Technology and Asutosh Mookerjee Memorial Life Time Award by Indian Science Congress, among others. He has been conferred Doctor of Philosophy (Honoris Causa) by many universities. He serves as an Associate Editor in a reputed International Journal, ACS Nano.

The Guest of Honour



Prof. Arvind Anant Natu
Member, Standing Committee of IISERs,
Former Chairperson, Board of Governors,
IISER Berhampur

Prof. Arvind Anant Natu is an internationally acclaimed academician and distinguished organic and medicinal chemist. He is currently a Member of the Standing Committee of the IISERs and Honorary Advisor to the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Pune. His association with the IISER system dates back to its inception, and he played a pivotal role in the conceptualization, planning, and establishment of the IISERs, institutions of national importance established by the Government of India. He has also served as the Chairperson of the Board of Governors

of several IISERs, including IISER Berhampur.

For over four decades, Prof. Natu was actively engaged in research at the National Chemical Laboratory (NCL), Pune, as a Senior Scientist in the Organic and Bio-organic Chemistry Division, before joining IISER Pune. His research spans synthetic organic chemistry, natural products, bio-organic chemistry, medicinal chemistry, DNA diagnostics and therapeutics, and drug discovery. Widely recognized in India and abroad, he has made significant contributions to the process development of pharmaceuticals and drug intermediates, exemplifying NCL's philosophy of translating scientific concepts into commercial applications. He has authored over 150 scientific publications, holds several patents, and has been closely associated with scientific research, innovation, and higher education in India and internationally.

Prof. Natu has been honoured with numerous Lifetime Achievement Awards for his exceptional contributions to science and education. He is also the recipient of the prestigious Cross of the Order of Merit, one of Germany's highest civilian honours conferred upon foreign nationals, in recognition of his outstanding efforts in strengthening Indo-German scientific collaboration. A German Research Ambassador since 2007, he has played a vital role in fostering international partnerships in science and technology.

A passionate advocate of science education and outreach, Prof. Natu has delivered more than 300 motivational lectures encouraging young minds to pursue careers in basic sciences. Deeply committed to inclusive education, he has devoted considerable efforts towards the educational empowerment of underprivileged, tribal, and female students, particularly from the North-Eastern region of India, helping integrate them into the mainstream of higher education through sustained mentoring and outreach initiatives.

Around IISER Berhampur campus



Sea is not the only attraction: rich biodiversity, a kaleidoscope of nature



Eastern ghats and the beautiful sunsets



Message from the Chairperson, Board of Governors



Shri. Satyabrata Dey
Chairperson, Board of Governors,
IISER Berhampur

Shri. Satyabrata Dey is an eminent entrepreneur, industrialist, and institution builder who founded and nurtured Sreeleathers Ltd., Kolkata, into one of India's leading footwear and leather retail enterprises. His remarkable journey from establishing a small footwear business to creating a nationally recognized brand exemplifies visionary leadership, resilience, and business excellence.

As Chairperson of the Board of Governors of IISER Berhampur, Shri Dey contributes his extensive experience in enterprise development, strategic planning, and organizational leadership to further the Institute's mission of excellence in science education, research, innovation, and societal impact.

The message from the Chairperson, Board of Governors

Dear Graduates, Faculty Members, Staff, Parents, and Distinguished Guests,

It gives me immense pleasure to extend my warm greetings on the occasion of the 6th Convocation of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Berhampur. This is a day of celebration, pride, and reflection - not only for our graduating students and their families, but also for the entire IISER Berhampur community that has contributed to their academic and personal growth.

This year's Convocation is particularly significant as it coincides with a landmark milestone in the Institute's journey. As IISER Berhampur celebrates a decade since its inception in 2016, we pause to reflect on ten years of remarkable progress, perseverance, and achievement. What began as a young institution with a bold vision has steadily evolved into a vibrant centre of excellence in science education, research, and innovation. The accomplishments highlighted in the Director's Report stand testimony to the dedication of our faculty, staff, students, alumni, and all stakeholders who have contributed to this journey.

Over the past decade, IISER Berhampur has built a strong academic and research ecosystem, established advanced scientific infrastructure, fostered interdisciplinary collaborations, and created an environment that nurtures curiosity, creativity, and scientific temper. The Institute's growing national and international footprint reflects its commitment to advancing knowledge and addressing societal challenges through science and innovation.

To the graduating students, I extend my heartfelt congratulations. Your years at IISER Berhampur have equipped you not only with knowledge and skills, but also with the ability to question, discover, and innovate. As you embark on new journeys in academia, industry, entrepreneurship, public service, or other pursuits, remember that the true value of

Education lies in its capacity to create positive change. May you continue to uphold the values of integrity, excellence, perseverance, and compassion that this institution strives to instill.

I also express my sincere appreciation to the faculty, staff, administration, and parents whose unwavering support and commitment have played an indispensable role in shaping the success of our students and the growth of the Institute.

As we celebrate this Convocation and the completion of a decade of IISER Berhampur, let us look forward with confidence and ambition. The coming years offer immense opportunities to strengthen our contributions to science, innovation, and nation-building. I am confident that IISER Berhampur will continue to grow as a leading institution, inspiring future generations of scientists, innovators, and leaders.

My best wishes to all our graduates. May your achievements bring distinction to yourselves, your families, your alma mater, and the nation. May you continue to pursue excellence, embrace challenges with courage, and contribute meaningfully to society through knowledge, innovation, and service.

Shri. Satyabrata Dey

Chairperson, Board of Governors
IISER Berhampur



Prof. Ashok Kumar Ganguli
Director, IISER Berhampur

Professor Ashok Kumar Ganguli is the Director of the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) Berhampur and also an Honorary Professor of the Department of Chemistry, Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi. He is also an Honorary Professor of JNCASR Bengaluru. Prior to joining IISER Berhampur, he served as the Deputy Director at IIT Delhi and held the prestigious Prof. N. K. Jha Chair in the Department of Chemistry. He is also the Founding Director of the Institute of Nano Science and Technology (INST), Mohali, where he played a pivotal role in establishing one of India's premier nanoscience research institutions.

An internationally recognized materials chemist, Prof. Ganguli's research spans across designing of nanostructured materials for water purification, solar energy conversion, and also high-temperature superconducting and topological materials. He has published over 400 research papers, holds several patents and has led numerous research projects. He is an elected Fellow of the Indian National Science Academy (INSA), Indian Academy of Sciences, National Academy of Sciences, India, and several other professional bodies.

Prof. Ganguli has received numerous national honours for his contributions to science and technology, including the National Award in Nanoscience and Nanotechnology from the Department of Science and Technology, the C. N. R. Rao–CRSI National Award, the CRSI Silver Medal, the MRSI Medal, the Distinguished Materials Scientist of the Year Award from MRSI, and Lifetime Achievement Award from the Indian Chemical Society, and also the Lifetime achievement award of IIT Delhi, among several others.

Beyond his scientific accomplishments, Prof. Ganguli is deeply committed to science outreach and education. A passionate advocate of scientific temper, he has delivered lectures in hundreds of schools and colleges across the country, particularly in rural and remote regions, inspiring young minds through the INSPIRE lecture series and various science awareness programmes. Under his leadership, IISER Berhampur has significantly expanded its outreach initiatives for school students, teachers, and the wider community through workshops, demonstrations, science camps, and public engagement activities.

As Director, Prof. Ganguli continues to guide IISER Berhampur through a period of rapid growth and transformation, strengthening its academic excellence, research ecosystem, innovation culture, and societal impact as the Institute enters its second decade of service to the nation

Director's Report

Namashkar! My dear students, colleagues and all dignitaries present here, thank you for gathering here for this special occasion - the sixth convocation of IISER Berhampur. It is a special year in the journey of IISER Berhampur as we celebrate the 10th year since its inception.

IISER Berhampur, established in 2016, is an Institute of National Importance that attracts scientific talents of our country and provides them with a platform to engage in cutting-edge scientific research across several fields. IISER's philosophy is to integrate education with research so that students are trained to be innovative right from their undergraduate training.

IISER Berhampur continues to strengthen its position as a leading institution for interdisciplinary research, generating impactful discoveries that address fundamental scientific questions while contributing to societal needs. The vision is very clear and we are poised to contribute to the nation through the generation of all-around development of excellent human resources, and by carrying out cutting-edge research leading to innovation. We take pride in our student-centric policies, which emphasise the holistic and all-round development of our students. During the year, faculty and students made significant advances across diverse domains spanning Earth and Environmental Sciences, Biological Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Computational Research.

IISER Berhampur offers BS-MS (dual degree), Integrated PhD and PhD programmes in an intellectually stimulating atmosphere. Presently, 1198 students (BS-MS-1013, iPhD-24 and PhD-161) are pursuing their academic courses in the Institute. Out of which 42% are girl students. Since its inception five batches of students - a total of 498, have graduated with BS-MS degree from IISER Berhampur across various disciplines like Biological, Chemical, Mathematical, Physical and Earth and Environmental Sciences. This year, 191 students are graduating with a BS-MS Dual degree. Three students are exiting with a BS degree and four students from the Integrated PhD programme are exiting with an MS degree. 13 research scholars will get their Doctorate in Science, taking the total tally to 42 PhD graduates since the institute's inception.

I am happy to share that we have completely occupied our research laboratories and faculty offices. All classroom teaching is being conducted in the IISER Berhampur campus, with all five batches of our BS-MS students using the campus hostels. A few laboratories and central facilities continue to use the transit campus. However, they are also going to be shifted soon.

The students of IISER Berhampur continued to distinguish themselves through outstanding achievements across academics, research, sports, and cultural activities. During the year, several students secured prestigious national and international fellowships, scholarships, internships, and research opportunities at leading institutions, reflecting the

high academic standards and research-oriented training imparted by the Institute. Our students actively participated in scientific competitions, innovation challenges, workshops, and conferences, earning recognition for their academic excellence, analytical abilities, and research contributions. Their accomplishments underscore the vibrant learning environment that fosters intellectual curiosity, creativity, and leadership.

Our students continued to excel beyond academics, bringing laurels to the Institute through outstanding achievements in sports, science, cultural activities, and community engagement. At the Inter-IISER Sports Meet, IISER Berhampur students secured multiple medals in athletics and team events, while emerging as the Overall Champions at the First Inter-Institute Yoga Sports Meet. They also achieved notable success at national inter-institutional competitions, including podium finishes in lawn tennis, photography, and e-sports. In cultural events, our students demonstrated remarkable creativity by winning accolades in painting, photography, fashion, music, theatre, filmmaking, and literary competitions at Inter-IISER and national festivals. Equally commendable were their scientific accomplishments, including securing the First Rank at *Mimamsa 2026* (IISER Pune), the Second Rank at *Chemenigma* (IISc Bengaluru), and an impressive Second Place at the international *iGEM 2025* competition, reflecting the Institute's growing reputation for academic excellence and innovation.

The Institute continued to strengthen its commitment to scientific outreach and societal engagement through a wide range of academic and community initiatives during the year. As part of the Institute's **10-Year Celebration**, IISER Berhampur organized state-wide outreach programmes that introduced school students to frontier areas of science through interactions with eminent scientists and academic exposure visits. During the 6th ISEB Conference, students from Kendriya Vidyalaya, Paralakhemundi, attended special lectures on wildlife biology and ethology by distinguished scientists Prof. Mewa Singh and Prof. Raghavendra Gadagkar. The Institute also hosted students from Kendriya Vidyalaya No. 1, Bhubaneswar, for an academic exposure visit to its laboratories and research facilities. Under its collaborative initiatives, the Department of Biological Sciences conducted a hands-on Molecular Biology Training Workshop for postgraduate students of the Central University of Odisha, Koraput. In partnership with the Indian National Young Academy of Sciences (INYAS), the Institute organized Arohana – Village to Vision, a rural science education initiative that fostered scientific temper and inquiry-based learning among school students and teachers.

Complementing these institutional efforts, our students continued to demonstrate exemplary leadership and social responsibility through impactful outreach initiatives. Student-led programmes under the Village Development and Activities Club (VDAC) and Prayas engaged neighbouring communities through sustained activities on sanitation, digital literacy, menstrual hygiene, first aid and fire safety, environmental awareness, and

educational support for rural school children. These initiatives, together with the Institute's broader outreach programmes, exemplify IISER Berhampur's commitment to nurturing

socially conscious, compassionate, and responsible leaders alongside accomplished scientists. The Institute takes immense pride in the accomplishments and service-oriented spirit of its students, whose dedication, perseverance, and commitment to excellence continue to enhance the national reputation and societal impact of IISER Berhampur.

IISER Berhampur has strengthened itself with this whole range of advanced research support systems, state-of-art laboratories and equipment required for cutting-edge scientific research helping this part of Odisha to witness cutting edge science and outreach activities, attracting young innovative minds. With more than 900 research publications, over ₹53 crores in competitive research funding, and participation in several high-priority national missions, IISER Berhampur has emerged as a growing contributor to India's scientific landscape. The Institute's increasing visibility is reflected in its strong standing in international research metrics, including the Nature Index rankings. A notable achievement has been the institute's contributions to understanding the history of our planet through geochemical investigations that traced major atmospheric oxidation events nearly 2.5 billion years ago, providing insights into the emergence of conditions necessary for complex eukaryotic life. Simultaneously, research on Odisha's mineral resources has yielded important findings on the composition and geological significance of coastal and terrestrial mineral deposits.

The year witnessed significant advances in areas ranging from quantum materials and sustainable energy technologies to artificial intelligence, climate science, biodiversity, neuroscience, cancer biology, and precision medicine. Research efforts have generated new insights into Earth's early atmospheric evolution, brain health and aging, metabolic disorders, renewable energy solutions, marine biodiversity, critical minerals, and next-generation therapeutic strategies. These accomplishments exemplify our commitment to interdisciplinary research that bridges fundamental science with societal impact.

IISER Berhampur faculty continued to strengthen the Institute's research ecosystem by securing several highly competitive national and international research grants across diverse disciplines. Notable awards include the VAJRA (Visiting Advanced Joint Research) Faculty Scheme of the Department of Science and Technology (DST), which promotes collaborations with the overseas Indian scientific community; the Scheme for Promotion of Academic and Research Collaboration (SPARC) of the Ministry of Education; the prestigious ICMR Centre for Advanced Research (CAR) Grant to establish a Centre on Brain Aging, aimed at understanding brain aging trajectories and developing normative reference standards for healthy brain aging in the Indian population; the OmBriC Project on Mapping Biodiversity of Odisha; ICMR Intermediate and Small Research Grants; the ANRF Advanced Research Grant (ARG) and National Post-Doctoral Fellowship (NPDF). These prestigious awards underscore the growing national recognition of the Institute's research excellence

and provide a strong impetus for advancing cutting-edge interdisciplinary research, fostering national and international collaborations, strengthening research infrastructure, and training the next generation of scientists.

A major strength of IISER Berhampur lies in its state-of-the-art research infrastructure. Advanced facilities spanning genomics, high-resolution imaging, magnetic resonance spectroscopy, human MRI, nanoscience, materials characterization, high-performance computing, and molecular biology provide our researchers with the tools necessary to pursue cutting-edge investigations from the nanoscale to the human scale. IISER Berhampur has been recognized as a centre of excellence in Critical minerals by MoE. Aligning with the national quantum mission, we have established a Ultrahigh Vacuum 300 millikelvin Low Temperature spectroscopic imaging scanning tunnelling microscope. The SI-STM will help to visualize the electronic states in quantum materials. As we move forward, the Institute remains focused on aligning its research priorities with national missions in healthcare, sustainability, quantum technologies, semiconductors, climate resilience, biodiversity conservation, and advanced manufacturing. We aspire to establish centres of excellence that will not only advance scientific frontiers but also contribute to India's vision of becoming a global knowledge and innovation powerhouse.

The construction of the IISER Berhampur permanent campus is in its final stage, with over 99% physical progress achieved. We have occupied 18 out of the 29 buildings of the permanent campus and the balance buildings are in advanced stages of completion. With the continued support of CPWD, construction work on the remaining facilities has been significantly expedited. Out of the balance 11 buildings, 3, 4 & 4 buildings respectively shall be taken over by the end of each of the next 3 months, viz., total campus shall be occupied by end of Sep '26 complete in all respects. The ongoing horticulture work shall be completed by Sep'26. Our classrooms have been equipped with state-of-the-art audio-visual systems, providing a world-class teaching and learning environment. The state of the art laboratories is under installation now and shall become operational from the upcoming semester onwards. The offices are being equipped with the latest furniture. The Type-II, Type-III and Type-IV staff and faculty housing complexes are occupied, with 57 families currently residing on the campus. In the commercial complex, shops for providing essential amenities and services to the residents and students have also become operational. In addition, the State Bank of India has commenced operations through its on-campus branch, further enhancing the convenience and infrastructure available to the Institute community. A 108' high mast National Flag was installed in the campus, which is driving patriotism in the IISER community members.

The IISER Berhampur family with 60 faculty members, distributed across six academic departments, and 41 administrative staff members is steadily expanding. We have recruited/offered new faculty positions and by September 2026, we will have around 80 faculty members. We have eminent honorary professors, a few guests, and visiting faculty

members of great distinction. It is a matter of great satisfaction that faculty members are attracting support from national and international funding agencies. Our faculty and students continue to make impactful contributions across diverse disciplines including Biological Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Physical Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Computer

Sciences, and Earth and Environmental Sciences. To boost more translational research, we have established the patent and IPR policies.

IISER Berhampur continues to strengthen its national research footprint, securing a place among the leading academic research institutions in India. Within a short span, IISER Berhampur has significantly improved its standing in the Nature Index, achieving an overall Academic ranking of 40 in India. I congratulate our students, faculty, staff, alumni, and collaborators for their dedication and achievements. Their collective efforts continue to shape IISER Berhampur into a dynamic institution where education, discovery, and innovation converge to create meaningful impact for society.

The Institute's growing reputation as a destination for high-quality scientific meetings is reflected in the increasing participation of leading researchers and institutions in its academic events. Through conferences, invited lectures, colloquia, and thematic workshops, IISER Berhampur continues to provide a dynamic platform for dissemination of knowledge, nurturing collaborations, and exposing students and young researchers to frontier areas of science and technology. During the year, the Institute hosted several prestigious national and international events spanning mathematics, biology, chemistry, physics, materials science, magnetic resonance, evolutionary biology, and interdisciplinary research. These events brought together more than 300 eminent scientists, academicians, industry experts, and students from India and abroad, fostering scientific exchange, collaborative research, and intellectual engagement.

Faculty members, researchers, and students actively engaged with schools and educational institutions through demonstrations, hands-on activities, mentoring sessions, and career guidance programmes aimed at promoting curiosity-driven learning and awareness of opportunities in science and research. The Institute also welcomed students to its campus, providing exposure to state-of-the-art laboratories and modern scientific infrastructure. Through these sustained efforts, IISER Berhampur continues to strengthen the connection between science and society, nurturing young minds and contributing to the development of a scientifically informed and empowered nation.

Overall, IISER Berhampur as an institution that is truly of national importance has started making its mark. I am confident that in the years to come, this perception will grow. We are already seeing an increased interest among the youth to enroll for IISERs as a record 1.5 lakh candidates appeared for the IISER aptitude test this year. IISER Berhampur is poised to take a leap in student intake. Our projected intake is 300 this year.

Finally, I place on record my sincere appreciation and gratitude to the Chairpersons and members of FC, BoG, B&WC, RAAC and the Senate of IISER Berhampur, the officials of Ministry of Education, Govt. of India and Govt. of Odisha, and members of various Selection Committees, advisory Committees and also wish to acknowledge the support that I have received from the faculty and staff of the Institute and several others who have helped us in many ways.

My special thanks to Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, PSA to the Government of India for graciously accepting our invitation to be the chief guest for the sixth convocation ceremony of IISER Berhampur. Thank you for taking out time from your extremely busy schedule. I also thank our special guests for accepting our invitation. Your presence amongst us is inspiring and encouraging to our young brilliant minds. It is a tremendous encouragement to the IISER Berhampur community to dream big and achieve greater success.

I congratulate the parents of the fresh graduates, and join them in this moment of glory of the achievement of your child. Finally, dear new graduates, you are now stepping into the real world and how you handle yourself will give a feedback on the quality of education imbibed. I wish for your success in every aspect of life. May you all work to make the world a better place.

Thank you all for your kind attention.

Ashok Kumar Ganguli, FNA, FASc, FNASc
Director
IISER Berhampur

List of Graduating Students (BS-MS Degree)

S. No.	Roll No.	Name of the Student	Major
1	20042	Deepika Rani Boipai	Biological Sciences
2	20095	Jyotirmayee Sahoo	Biological Sciences
3	21003	Abhinav Saji	Biological Sciences
4	21006	Amal Chacko	Biological Sciences
5	21009	Annesa Mukherjee	Biological Sciences
6	21011	Archita Khatua	Biological Sciences
7	21018	Banani Sarangi	Biological Sciences
8	21022	Dharashree Satapathy	Biological Sciences
9	21025	Febin Raj J S	Biological Sciences
10	21027	Gourav Mandi	Biological Sciences
11	21028	Gunjari Sarkar	Biological Sciences
12	21030	Hrishita Pradhan	Biological Sciences
13	21031	Ishit Sahoo	Biological Sciences
14	21033	Kaustuv Tripathy	Biological Sciences
15	21035	Lipsa Dash	Biological Sciences
16	21044	Navniet Mishra	Biological Sciences
17	21049	Punjal Chandrakar	Biological Sciences
18	21051	Rabi Sharma	Biological Sciences
19	21058	Sai Prasad Patro	Biological Sciences
20	21064	Shreya Majumdar	Biological Sciences
21	21065	Shubhadeep Ghosh	Biological Sciences
22	21066	Simran	Biological Sciences
23	21068	Smarak Das	Biological Sciences
24	21069	Smrutirekha Khatua	Biological Sciences
25	21075	Srija Sarkar	Biological Sciences
26	21080	Surabhi B P	Biological Sciences
27	21083	Swarnava Saha	Biological Sciences

28	21084	Tanay Biswas	Biological Sciences
29	21086	V Smruti Raju	Biological Sciences
30	21088	Ysani Mondal	Biological Sciences
31	21091	Abhijit Panigrahi	Biological Sciences
32	21093	Amrita Kumari Samal	Biological Sciences
33	21094	Belide Saketha Ram	Biological Sciences
34	21095	Bipasa Show	Biological Sciences
35	21100	Ompriya Pradhan	Biological Sciences
36	21106	Soumyadarshan Sahoo	Biological Sciences
37	21107	Spandana Prusty	Biological Sciences
38	21108	Suman Swagatika	Biological Sciences
39	21112	Ankan Chakrabarty	Biological Sciences
40	21113	Anubhab Biswas	Biological Sciences
41	21114	Anushka Das	Biological Sciences
42	21123	Deblina Sarkar	Biological Sciences
43	21126	K Pavani	Biological Sciences
44	21132	Prajna Bandyopadhyay	Biological Sciences
45	21133	Pratikshya Tripathy	Biological Sciences
46	21139	Shilpita Saha	Biological Sciences
47	21144	Sourashis Sadhu	Biological Sciences
48	21150	Achyutan M	Biological Sciences
49	21151	Aditi Upadhyay	Biological Sciences
50	21152	Ahana Chakraborty	Biological Sciences
51	21154	Archa Dhanesh Kumar	Biological Sciences
52	21158	Bevan Mathew A	Biological Sciences
53	21164	Harshika Das S	Biological Sciences
54	21166	Homna Agnihotri	Biological Sciences
55	21168	Madhulika Rakshit	Biological Sciences
56	21169	Manoswita Das	Biological Sciences
57	21175	Prithwiraj Debnath	Biological Sciences

58	21176	Ritu	Biological Sciences
59	21177	Ritwik	Biological Sciences
60	21178	Rohit S Padankatti	Biological Sciences
61	21182	Sudiksha Surbhi	Biological Sciences
62	21183	Takalkar Sahil Dattatraya	Biological Sciences
63	21184	Tanishqua Duarah	Biological Sciences
64	21195	Korde Sanchit Subir	Biological Sciences
65	21196	Kundla Tejeswini	Biological Sciences
66	21198	Mosam Kushal Sai	Biological Sciences
67	21199	Prakriti Ghosh	Biological Sciences
68	21201	Sabyasachi Parija	Biological Sciences
69	21203	Sakshi Chavan	Biological Sciences
70	21206	Tanushree Ashish Teltumde	Biological Sciences
71	21207	Astha Gupta	Biological Sciences
72	21213	Rithika Pramod	Biological Sciences
73	18104	Tasneem Nasrin	Chemical Sciences
74	20051	Om Praksh Behera	Chemical Sciences
75	20169	Anwasha Paul	Chemical Sciences
76	21007	Ananya Bera	Chemical Sciences
77	21017	Baishali Majhi	Chemical Sciences
78	21019	Bhumika Shamurailatpam	Chemical Sciences
79	21020	Debapriya Chatterjee	Chemical Sciences
80	21023	Dibyendu Roy	Chemical Sciences
81	21024	Dikshya Rani Panda	Chemical Sciences
82	21042	Moyuresh Sarmah	Chemical Sciences
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87	21057	Rupali Prusty	Chemical Sciences

88	21059	Sampriti Mukherjee	Chemical Sciences
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91	21062	Saroj Bala	Chemical Sciences
92	21063	Sarojit Kumar Naik	Chemical Sciences
93	21071	Sonal Priyadarshini	Chemical Sciences
94	21074	Soumalya Panja	Chemical Sciences
95	21082	Suryakanta Panda	Chemical Sciences
96	21087	Vishnuvardan G	Chemical Sciences
97	21099	Oishi Bhattacharjee	Chemical Sciences
98	21101	Prem Kishan	Chemical Sciences
99	21109	Susmita Sahoo	Chemical Sciences
100	21119	Debajyoti Modak	Chemical Sciences
101	21125	Gayatri Bhuyan	Chemical Sciences
102	21134	Rourim Bhunia	Chemical Sciences
103	21136	Sayan Chaudhuri	Chemical Sciences
104	21138	Sayan Sarkar	Chemical Sciences
105	21142	Soumili Dutta	Chemical Sciences
106	21143	Soumyadeep Debnath	Chemical Sciences
107	21145	Srijoti Mukherjee	Chemical Sciences
108	21149	Abi Sinan C	Chemical Sciences
109	21159	Chanchal Chandrakar	Chemical Sciences
110	21162	Gayathri J	Chemical Sciences
111	21165	Hidha Fathima	Chemical Sciences
112	21180	Shrutikirti Panda	Chemical Sciences
113	21185	Akshaya S	Chemical Sciences
114	21190	Arsha Prakash	Chemical Sciences
115	21209	Akanksha Yadav	Chemical Sciences
116	20056	Sushovan Ghosh	Geological Sciences
117	21016	Babita Munda	Geological Sciences

118	21032	Jagannath Ghosh	Geological Sciences
119	21041	Monisha Hansda	Geological Sciences
120	21053	Rohit Ghosh	Geological Sciences
121	21072	Sorabh Meena	Geological Sciences
122	21078	Subhadeep Mandal	Geological Sciences
123	21079	Subrat Kumar Mallick	Geological Sciences
124	21096	Iman Mahato	Geological Sciences
125	21104	Sanchita Mahata	Geological Sciences
126	21111	Angshita Mandal	Geological Sciences
127	21124	Fulomani Hembram	Geological Sciences
128	21135	Rudrajit Joardar	Geological Sciences
129	21146	Sweta Bhagat	Geological Sciences
130	21147	Tiasha Das	Geological Sciences
131	21157	Ayshathul Noora T P	Geological Sciences
132	21173	Neetha Thomas	Geological Sciences
133	21197	Meghana Sajeevan	Geological Sciences
134	21210	Proma Bhattacharjee	Geological Sciences
135	21046	Prateek	Mathematical Sciences
136	21076	Srinjini Mukhopadhyay	Mathematical Sciences
137	21077	Sruthi. R	Mathematical Sciences
138	21097	Md Faisal Imam	Mathematical Sciences
139	21116	Arindam Das	Mathematical Sciences
140	21186	Anandi Roy	Mathematical Sciences
141	21188	Ankita Chowdhury	Mathematical Sciences
142	21191	Debjit Mallick	Mathematical Sciences
143	21002	Abhijeet Kumar	Physical Sciences
144	21004	Abhra Jyoti Choudhury	Physical Sciences
145	21005	Aishwarya Chandrakar	Physical Sciences
146	21008	Anmol Kumar	Physical Sciences
147	21010	Anshuman Patra	Physical Sciences

148	21013	Asutosh Mishra	Physical Sciences
149	21015	Auromic Behera	Physical Sciences
150	21021	Devendra Singh	Physical Sciences
151	21026	Gayatree Pal	Physical Sciences
152	21029	Himanshu Kumar	Physical Sciences
153	21034	Kiran Prava Tripathy	Physical Sciences
154	21037	Manas Ranjan Mahapatra	Physical Sciences
155	21038	Mandeep Ojha	Physical Sciences
156	21039	Medhekar Aarya	Physical Sciences
157	21040	Mehetab Tamboli	Physical Sciences
158	21055	Roshan Kumar Jagat	Physical Sciences
159	21056	Rudra Prasad Sahu	Physical Sciences
160	21073	Soubhagya Biswas	Physical Sciences
161	21081	Suraj Kumar Panigrahi	Physical Sciences
162	21089	Bindusmita Das	Physical Sciences
163	21090	Gude Noothan	Physical Sciences
164	21092	Abinash Prasad Behera	Physical Sciences
165	21098	Monalisa Mahapatra	Physical Sciences
166	21102	Priyanka Sarangi	Physical Sciences
167	21105	Sanskar Nanda	Physical Sciences
168	21110	Yashashwani Garg	Physical Sciences
169	21115	Anuvab Dutta	Physical Sciences
170	21117	Armaan Khuntia	Physical Sciences
171	21120	Debarshi Mukherjee	Physical Sciences
172	21121	Debashish Sarkar	Physical Sciences
173	21127	Manisa Bhunia	Physical Sciences
174	21130	Parvathy J P	Physical Sciences
175	21131	Pawar Mahavirya Subhash	Physical Sciences
176	21137	Sayan Pal	Physical Sciences
177	21141	Simran	Physical Sciences

178	21148	Abhiraaj Baishya	Physical Sciences
179	21156	Aswinee Kumar Swain	Physical Sciences
180	21160	Deepanshu Sharma	Physical Sciences
181	21161	Divyanjay Sinha	Physical Sciences
182	21163	Haneesh Gonuguntla	Physical Sciences
183	21171	Monalini Samal	Physical Sciences
184	21172	Namrata Kumari	Physical Sciences
185	21181	Snigdha Hazra	Physical Sciences
186	21187	Ankit Maiti	Physical Sciences
187	21189	Koparkar Anurag Damodhar	Physical Sciences
188	21194	Harsha N Jijish	Physical Sciences
189	21200	Pratyasha Tripathy	Physical Sciences
190	21202	Sagar Rathore	Physical Sciences
191	21208	Kushwah Aryansingh Harishchandra	Physical Sciences

**List of Graduating Students
(BS General Degree)**

S. No.	Roll No	Name of the Student
1	23084	Mahapatra Aryan Satyajit
2	23002	Aditya Singh
3	23005	Aditya Narayan Rautray

List of Graduating Students (MS Degree)

S. No.	Roll No	Name of the Student	Major	Remarks
1	202301	Yatrik Bhaveshbhai Dave	Chemical Sciences	MS Degree
2	202302	Yashraj Jha	Physical Sciences	MS (by Research) Degree
3	202304	Kalyani Subhasri Tripathi	Biological Sciences	MS (by Research) Degree
4	202305	Samistha Pandey	Biological Sciences	MS (by Research) Degree

List of Graduating Students (PhD Degree)

S.No.	Roll No.	Name	Thesis Title
1	1910101	Pratyay Seth	Root growth dynamics under a rising temperature environment
2	1910102	Rabi Sankar Pal	Cost of reproduction and reproductive investment: Connecting life history with sexual selection and conflict using laboratory investigations on Drosophila and Zygogramma
3	1920101	Sourav Dey	Investigating the Role of Protein-Protein Interaction and RNA Processing: Emphasis on WT1 Associated Protein Complex in Disease Biology
4	2110101	Biswajit Panda	Lineage-Specific Gene Family Expansions: Comparative Genomic Insights into Chemosensory and Other Adaptive Diversifications in Select Animal Lineages
5	2110106	Neha Yadav	Imaging Brain Health and Disease Through Structural Magnitude, Kinetics, and Geometry: Quantitative Insights into Aging and Cognitive Disorders, Gliomas and Brain Metastases
6	1920202	Raju Sharma	Boron Appended Transition Metal-NHC Complexes: Synthesis, Characterization and Application in Homogeneous Catalysis
7	2010107	Ramesh Mandal	Intrinsic Structural Modifications of Two-Dimensional Graphitic Carbon Nitride Systems (g-C ₃ N ₄) and Their Hybrids for Photocatalytic Applications
8	2010103	Satabdee Tanaya Sahoo	Sustainable Hydrogen Gas and Value-added Chemicals Formation from Renewable Resources Using Homogeneous Cooperative Catalysts
9	2010104	Gitanjali Mishra	Synthetic Methods for the Construction of Highly Functionalized Carbo- & Heterocyclic Compounds via Domino Reactions

10	2010201	Sri Rama Dasu Vinay Kumar	Synthesis, Characterizations, and Structural Optimization of Bi/Mo-Based Semiconducting 2D Nanomaterials for Photocatalytic Solar Energy Conversions and Photo-active Energy Storage Devices
11	1910501	Kaiser Shafi	Exploring Initial-State and Quark-Gluon Plasma Dynamics in Relativistic Heavy-Ion Collisions via Multi-particle Correlations
12	1910401	Saikat Patra	Properties of Dynamical maps and Quantum channels
13	2130103	Malavika E	Distribution and Additive Structure of Prime-indexed Sequences; and Exponential Sums

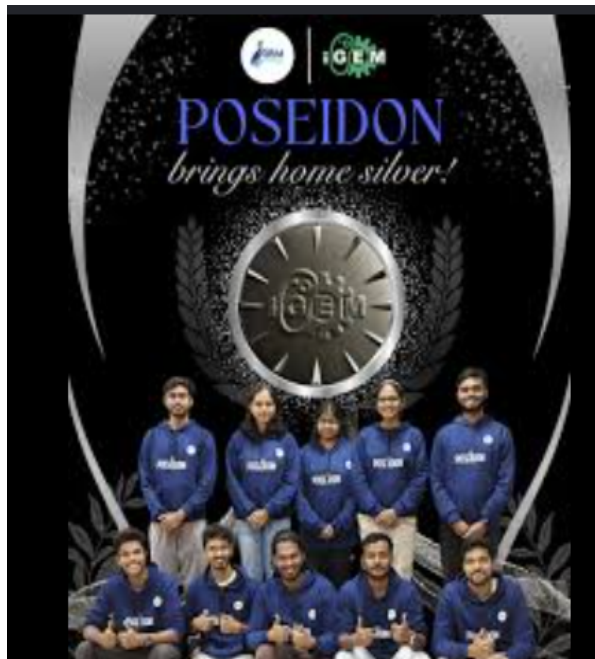
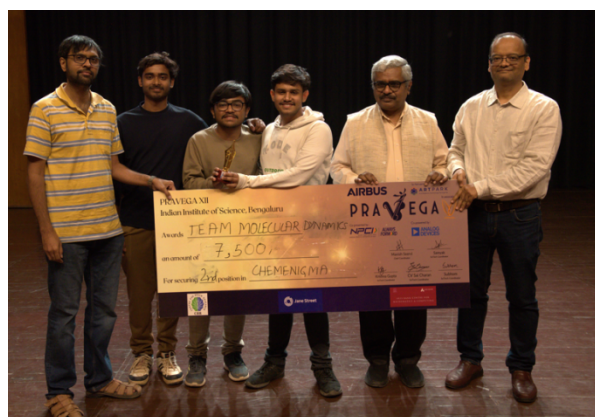
Student Science Activities

The Institute's students continued to demonstrate academic excellence at prestigious national and international competitions.

An all-girls team secured First Rank at Mimamsa 2026 hosted by IISER Pune, while another team achieved Second Rank at Chemenigma, the national undergraduate chemistry competition organized by IISc Bengaluru during Pravega.

At the international level, the Institute's iGEM 2025 team earned an outstanding Second Rank for its innovative work in synthetic biology, reflecting the students' research acumen, interdisciplinary approach, and ability to compete successfully on global platforms.

These accomplishments underscore the vibrant scientific culture and high standards of inquiry fostered at the Institute.



Student Cultural Activities



Student Sports Activities

The year witnessed remarkable sporting success, with students excelling across athletics, team sports, yoga, racquet sports, and e-sports.

The Institute secured multiple medals at the Inter-IISER Sports Meet (IISM), including gold in women's athletics, and delivered an exceptional performance at the First Inter-Institute Yoga Sports Meet (IIYSM) by emerging as the Overall Champions, while also finishing runners-up in several team events. Students further brought laurels through achievements in lawn tennis at Aswamedha, state-level kabaddi participation, and an overall second position in the Inter-IISER e-sports competition. These achievements reflect the Institute's commitment to promoting physical fitness, teamwork, resilience, and holistic student development alongside academic excellence



Award and Medal winners with their brief details

It is a matter of great pleasure and pride for me to be part of this 6th convocation of IISER Berhampur. In this milestone event, a total of 191 students have received their BS-MS dual degrees. All of them have performed very well in their academic and extracurricular activities. Some of them have shown exceptional talents. In recognition of their achievements, the institute has a few awards. The awards and awardees are as follows:

1. President's Gold Medal:

(Awarded for the best academic performance in the graduating class across all disciplines of the BS-MS Dual Degree programme)

Mr. Rourim Bhunia (21134) from the Department of Chemical Sciences with CPI of 9.8.

After graduating, he will be joining Humboldt University of Berlin as a PhD student starting October 2026. He has also received the DAAD Doctoral Scholarship.



2. Director's Gold Medal:

(Awarded for an outstanding all round achievement and leadership in the graduating class across all disciplines of the BS-MS programme)

Ms. Pratikshya Tripathy (21133) of Department of Biological Sciences

Along with maintaining an excellent CPI of 9.3, Pratikshya has excelled in sports and cultural activities.



4. Shri Durgadas Mohanty Memorial Gold Medal:

(Awarded to the graduating BSMS student who secures among the highest CPI in Physics major discipline at IISER Berhampur every year)

Ms. Yashashwani Garg (21110), Department of Physical Sciences



3. Proficiency Medals (Silver)

(Awarded for the best academic performance in the graduating class in a discipline of the BS-MS Dual Degree programme)



Ms. Madhulika Rakshit (21168)
Department of Biological Sciences



Ms. Yashashwani Garg (21110)
Department of Physical Sciences



Mr. Rourim Bhunia (21134)
Department of Chemical Sciences



Ms. Srinjini Mukhopadhyay (21076)
Department of Mathematical Sciences



Ms. Tiasha Das (21137)
Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences

5. Founder Director's Gold Medal:

(Awarded to the best performing female student in the BSMS programme across all disciplines for showing an outstanding overall performance including academic and extracurricular activities)

Ms. Pratikshya Tripathy (21133),
Department of Biological Sciences

Along with a CPI of 9.3, Ms. Pratikshya excelled in extracurricular activities which include the following achievements:

She won a Gold medal for Dance at IICM held at IISER Mohali, 2023 and a Bronze medal for Volleyball at IISM held at IISER Thiruvananthapuram, 2023

She represented IISER Berhampur for cultural performances at multiple Conferences including DBS Symposium 2025, ICFPAM 2024, NMRS 2023, EMBO 2022, Foundation Day 2024, IISER BERHAMPUR Dedication ceremony.

Multiple awards for sports including silver medal for Girls' Volleyball national sports day 2023, gold medal for Girls' Volleyball at Lakshya 2024, Silver medal for Lakshya 2025 and 2026.



We extend our heartfelt congratulations to all the students who have received their graduation degrees from the Institute. Their dedication, perseverance, and hard work have culminated in this significant milestone. Many of our graduates have gone on to receive prestigious awards, fellowships, and recognitions, bringing immense pride to the Institute. We congratulate each one of them on their remarkable achievements and wish them every success and fulfilment in all their future endeavours.

Pledge

"I hereby pledge that I shall always endeavour to be conscientious and honest in the discharge of my duties. I shall stand up to my responsibilities, uphold the ethics and integrity of my profession. In this spirit, I resolve to preserve the prestige and pride of my Institute, IISER Berhampur.

I pledge that I shall utilise the knowledge, experience and skills acquired by me for the betterment of society, and advancement of my country, with innovation and progressive vision. In all circumstances, I shall uphold the dignity of the individual."

Convocation attire

The Convocation dress of IISER Berhampur comprises a traditional white kurta-pyjama paired with a ceremonial stole bearing the embossed logo of the Institute. The stole is creme in colour for BS-MS graduates, maroon for PhD graduates, and blue for members of the Senate, signifying the academic distinction and ceremonial role of each category of participants. The attire has been thoughtfully chosen to reflect the rich cultural heritage of India and to lend a distinct Indian identity to the Convocation ceremony. The stole is to be worn with the logo and the artwork displayed prominently in the front.

The stole has been designed by Dr. Senthil Raani K. S., Associate Professor, Department of Mathematical Sciences, IISER Berhampur. Its artwork portrays IISER Berhampur students in their pursuit of excellence across science, arts, and sports, and draws inspiration from the renowned Saura tribal mural art of Odisha, blending the Institute's academic ethos with the state's rich artistic heritage.





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